

No. 69-CV-14430

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF CATAHOULA PARISH, ET AL.

**UNOPPOSED STATUS REPORT SUBMITTED BY LOUISIANA STATE
CONFERENCE NAACP**

Amicus curiae, the Louisiana State Conference NAACP (“NAACP”) respectfully submits this unopposed status report.

Pursuant to this Court’s directive at the September 18, 2019 status conference and as memorialized in the Court’s hearing minutes (DE 73), counsel for the United States, the School Board, and the Louisiana State Conference NAACP met in person on September 18, 2019, during a break at the status conference, and again on October 7, 2019, via telephone conference in an effort to reach a common understanding respecting the NAACP’s role as amicus in this case.

In those discussions, counsel came to an informal agreement that the Louisiana State Conference NAACP may continue its current role of providing community feedback directly to the parties or counsel to the parties on the progress of the School Board in satisfying the remaining *Green* factors. The School Board submitted, however, that no agreement was necessary because any private stakeholder has the opportunity to provide input to both its School Board members, through the political process and otherwise, and to the Plaintiff United States, through the Department of Justice, regarding any concerns related to the desegregation case. The

School Board also submitted that the role of the Louisiana State Conference NAACP was limited by the Court's prior order to that of *amicus curiae* relative only to the NAACP's support for the Court's consideration of appointment of a special master. The NAACP does not agree with the Board's position, and does not agree that the Board's understanding of the Court's order regarding the NAACP's role in this matter is accurate, but nonetheless seeks to resolve the issue at hand.

Given the outcome of these discussions, the NAACP seeks no further relief from the Court at this juncture.

Undersigned counsel provided a copy of this Status Report to counsel of record for both parties, Plaintiff United States and Defendant Catahoula Parish School Board, and obtained statements that they were, respectively, not opposed to the matters are stated in this Status Report.

Dated: October 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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